Theft, Possession of Stolen Property Arrest

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Incident: Theft, Possession of Stolen Property Arrest

Contact: Watch Commander, 805-339-4416

Location: 3700 Block of Dean Dr

Date/Time Occurred: 6/4/2014 at 0510 hours

Officer(s) Involved: VPD Patrol Officers

Victim(s): Several area residents

Suspect(s): Josiah Kelley, W/M, 18 years, Ventura resident

Report #: 14-14-6859

Narrative:

On the above date and time VPD officers responded to a report of two male subjects casing vehicles in the carports of a complex in the 3700 block of Dean Dr.

Area residents also reported that the subjects had gained entry into several vehicles and were seen removing property.

Officers arrived on scene and conformed that several unlocked vehicles had been ransacked, the suspects were then observed running from the area. A perimeter was set up and officers began a search of the complex.

During this search Josiah Kelley was detained and later identified by witnesses as one of the suspects who had entered one of the victim vehicles. Property located near where Kelley was detained was identified as property stolen from several other vehicles. The second suspect was not located during the search of the complex.

Kelley was arrested and transported to the Ventura County Main Jail and booked on the following charges: 484(a) PC – Theft and 496(a) PC – Possession of Stolen Property.

The Ventura Police Department would like to remind citizens to remove valuable items from their vehicles and ensure that their vehicle is locked at all times.

The investigation into these crimes is ongoing. Anyone with information is urged to call the Ventura Police Department at 339-4493.